

FEB 1952 51-4AA

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

CLASSIFICATION

SECRET

SECURITY INFORMATION

25X1A

INFORMATION REPORT

REPORT NO. RD NO.

COUNTRY Panama

DATE DISTR. 13 October 1952

SUBJECT Sources of Funds for the Partido
del Pueblo (PDP, People's Party -
Communist)

NO. OF PAGES 3

DATE OF
INFO.

25X1A

NO. OF ENCLS.
(LISTED BELOW)PLACE
ACQUIRED 25X1X SUPPLEMENT TO
REPORT NO.

1. Methods used by the Partido del Pueblo (PDP, People's Party - Communist) to raise Party funds are summarized below.

- a. Individual Assessments. Individual quotas are levied by the cells in accordance with the economic means of each Party member, and it is obligatory that the full assessment be paid. The cells retain 70% of collections and send the remaining 30% to the Central Committee.
- b. Regular Contributions. Fixed sums of money are paid periodically by those persons classified as sympathizers, who indicate the amounts which they guarantee to pay. Collections from sympathizers are made confidentially by active members. In areas where there is no Party organization, contributions are collected by mail or by a Party member who makes periodic trips through the region.
- c. Special Contributions. Contributions to cover the expenses of special campaigns may be collected from any individual, regardless of his political affiliation. These funds are used to cover unusual expenses, such as costs of printing or trips of delegates to foreign countries.
- d. Sale of Literature. Profits from the sale of Communist literature printed in a foreign country vary. There is no regular delivery of this literature, but the main aim of the PDP is to establish a means of introducing propaganda into Panama which can be used at any time when it is necessary to conduct an extensive propaganda campaign.

CLASSIFICATION

SECRET

STATE #	X	NAVY #	X	NSRB		DISTRIBUTION						
ARMY #	X	AIR #	X	FBI								

SECRET

- 2 -

e. Commercial Enterprises. The Party has failed in several attempts to establish commercial enterprises which would develop a source of steady income. At present the PDP operates the Sastreria Popular at Number 8, 12th of October Street, Panama City. This tailor shop is registered under the name of Domingo Barria, secretary-general of the Federacion Sindical de Trabajadores de la Republica de Panama (FSTRP, Syndical Federation of Panamanian Workers), and member of PDP Cell No. 5 in Panama.

f. Funds from Incidental Activities. Raffles, dances, and picnics are sometimes held to finance special projects.

g. The Party plans to establish an agency in Panama for the Soviet films distributed through Argentina. This project has been delayed by a lack of initial capital and inability to locate an individual who has commercial contacts and is not known as a Communist. Some thought has also been given to the possibility of sending a Party member to Europe to establish a market for Panamanian products and to secure agencies from European commercial houses.

2. The following financial report for July 1952 was submitted to the PDP Executive Committee by Luis Carlos Mendoza, Secretary of Finance:¹

Receipts

80% of all contributions received by Panama Regional Committee	\$ 38.23
30% of all dues collected by Panama Regional Committee	7.18
Special contribution	10.00
Income from raffles	7.60
Receipts from Executive Committee members:	
Sale of literature	20.60
Dues and contributions	72.30
Sale of furniture	<u>10.00</u>
 Total Receipts	 \$165.91

Expenses

Salary of Ruben D. Souza, secretary-general	
Payable on June salary	\$50.00
Part-payment on July salary	<u>26.30</u>
	\$ 76.30
Reimbursement to Juan Anino, member of the Panama Organizational Commission, for expenses in Nata	13.10
Reimbursement to Eliseo Vargas, secretary-general of David District Committee, for travel expenses in attending the Plenary Conference of the Central Committee	
Gerardo Gonzalez	22.00
Trips to Colon	1.00
Rent for new Party headquarters at 15th of February Street, Panama City	7.40
Administrative Expenses	<u>25.00</u>
	<u>19.00</u>
 Total Expenses	 \$163.80
Balance on Hand	<u>2.11</u>
	\$165.91

SECRET

25X1A
SECRET

- 3 -

1. [REDACTED] Comment. Mendoza's financial report indicates that during the months of June and July none of the interior provinces contributed its quota to the Executive Committee. This may be attributed to the fact that the FDP had dismissed the traveling salesman who had acted as courier and collection agent in the outlying areas. The Party now plans to make these collections by mail.

SECRET